

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add or amend the claims to read as follows, and cancel without prejudice or disclaimer to resubmission in a divisional or continuation application claims indicated as cancelled:

1-20 (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A firearm magazine with loading status indicator, the magazine comprising:

a housing for storing bullets in a stacked configuration, with an opening for receiving the bullets,

a follower for supporting the bullets within the housing, movable along the housing and resiliently pressing towards the opening, so that at any time, when there exist at least one bullet within the housing it is presented at the opening, ready to be discharged;

an indicator comprising a prominence ~~connected~~ coupled to and protruding from the follower, for indicating one of two indication states, in which in one indication state the ~~prominence~~ indicator protrudes outside a bottom wall of the housing and in another indication state the ~~prominence~~ indicator does not protrude outside the bottom wall of the housing, wherein one of the indication states corresponds to a state where the magazine is in a full condition, that is when it is filled with bullets up to a maximal capacity, and another indication state corresponding to a state where at least one bullet is missing with respect to the full condition.

22. (Currently amended) The magazine of claim 21, wherein a bore is provided on the bottom wall of the magazine through which the ~~prominence~~ indicator protrudes in one of the indication states.

23. (Currently amended) The magazine of claim 22, wherein the ~~prominence~~ indicator is integrated with the follower.

24. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 23, wherein a shock absorbing feature is incorporated in the indicator.

25. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 24, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a spring.
26. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 24, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin with a resilient structure.
27. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 24, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin made of elastic material.
28. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the prominence is located on a bottom surface of the follower, wherein a bore is provided on the bottom wall of the magazine through which the prominence protrudes in one of the indication states, and wherein the prominence is hidden inside the housing at all times except when the magazine is in the full condition, filled with bullets up to the maximal capacity.
29. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 28, wherein a shock absorbing feature is incorporated in the prominence.
30. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 29, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a spring.
31. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 29, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin with a resilient structure.
32. (Currently amended) The magazine of claim 21, wherein when the magazine is in full condition the prominence indicator protrudes outside a bore in the bottom wall of the housing, and when at least one bullet is missing with respect to the full condition the prominence indicator does not protrude.

33. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 32, wherein the bore is located on the bottom surface of the housing.
34. (Currently amended) The magazine of claim 21, wherein when the magazine is in full condition the ~~prominence~~ indicator does not protrude outside a bore in the housing, and when at least one bullet is missing with respect to the full condition the ~~prominence~~ indicator protrudes outside the bore.
35. (Cancelled)
36. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the prominence is linked to follower.
37. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 36, wherein the prominence is replaceable.
38. (Currently amended) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the ~~prominence~~ indicator is provided on an end of a resilient lever pivotally attached to the housing, cooperating with the follower.
39. (Currently amended) The magazine of claim 38, wherein a second ~~prominence~~ indicator is provided on another end of the resilient lever, so that when one ~~prominence~~ indicator protrudes through the bore the second ~~prominence~~ indicator is retracted, and when the one ~~prominence~~ indicator is retracted the second ~~prominence~~ indicator protrudes through a second bore at the housing.
40. (Currently amended) The magazine of claim 39, wherein each ~~prominence~~ indicator is colored distinctly.

41. (Currently amended) The magazine of claim 39, wherein each prominence indicator is distinctly shaped.
42. (Currently amended) The magazine of claim 39, wherein each prominence indicator has a different protrusion length.
43. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the indicator comprises a floating member.
44. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 43, wherein the floating member is resiliently supported.
45. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein a shock absorbing feature is incorporated in the indicator.
46. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 45, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a spring.
47. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 45, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin with a resilient structure.
48. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 45, wherein the shock absorbing feature comprises a pin made of elastic material.
49. (Cancelled)
50. (Cancelled)
51. (Previously presented) The magazine of claim 21, wherein the indicator comprises a plurality of indicators.